The National Archives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

This is to confirm my yesterday's request for all the documents of the Warren Commission or relating to it that are or have been declassified since the last regular declassification.

Should any be extraordinarily long, I would appreciate being informed first.

Otherwise I would just like this to be automatic. I'll keep enough on deposit if I know the account gets low.

I do want to thank you again for arranging the taking of the pictures so that while I am still recovering and weak it would not require an extra day's trip for me.

I have read CDs 451 and 651 and the Coleman/Slawson 6/24/64 memo on Nosenko and what he said about Oswald. The first bears no classification at all. Page 35 of the second only is classified, "Confidential." The memo is classified "Top Secret."

Because I can see no basis for the classification of any of this material, at least not after Nosenko's defection was known to the Soviet Union, I ask why and by whom it was withheld and classified; whether on any of the reviews it was not detected that this material was not properly subject to withholding or classification and if so why the withholding and classification was not ended then; who in any review decided that the memo at any time ~~met~~ determined the requirements of the "Top Secret" classification were met by the memo; and an account of the reasons for the ending of withholding and classification.

Particularly because these documents do contain what is contradictory to what the Warren Report says and all are dated long before the issuance of that Report, I also ask why, in the event that seems improbable, there had been a proper determination that these documents could be withheld or classified, they were not made available immediately upon publication of the book KGB, which tells the essence of the story Nosenko told.

I also ask if there are any other Nosenko documents or any similar to it or relating to the same subject or contents that are still not available. If there are any such I would like to know their identifications and sources and why they are not available. I intend this as a formal request for any such documents. I also note the complete absence of any relevant CIA documents when Nosenko turned himself in to the CIA and when the normal procedure is for them to at least begin the debriefing. It was also normal practise to ask the CIA for its opinions and evaluations. So, if there are no CIA documents relating to this, I would also like to know that and whether it would be fair to assume that the absence of any such CIA documents means the Commission had none.

I would also like to know if there are any tapes or transcripts of interviews with Nosenko or others like him and if there are any other Commission internal papers dealing with this subject and that which is relevant to it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg